



RFD Training Newsletter

August 2015



August Highlights

- *Probation Overview with Training Division
- *AED Committee Meeting
- *Logistics Quarterly Drill
- *Strategic Planning Session MCD's
- *Captains Test Results Review
- *USAR Mobilization Drill

The Pumpers Local



IC advises that there is a Mayday to all units.

IC advises that there is Emergency Traffic and/or Mayday Traffic on all channels.

IC communicates with downed firefighter /captain who declared Mayday. Do not request the downed firefighter to switch channels. The firefighter owns the channel that he/she declared the Mayday.

IC advises dispatch that there is a Mayday.

IC remains calm, and gives clear communications to dispatch and personnel on scene.

IC orders additional resources.

IC has all units **not** involved in the RIC switch to Ch 16.

IC may not switch any units depending on amount of radio traffic. (IC Discretion)

The IC will complete a PAR with all units.

Update on Conditions – Comp Officer gives an update on conditions to dispatch and overhead as needed.



Report on Conditions - Describes Incident, Assumes Command, and Assigns Tactical Channel. Company Officer shall initiate the High Rise SOP.
Assignment to Crew - Pulls Attack Strip 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hose Comp Officer must have (2) radios High Rise Kit, Cell Phone, and additional equipment as needed.
High Rise Kit – Identifies stairwell to be used and relays information over the radio. Labels or identifies the stairwell door with High Rise Kit. Props door open.
Knox Box – Takes 1 Set of keys from the Knox Box (Fire Attack Keys). May also take all keys and leave them in the Fire Control Room. Must relay information.
Leaves passport board or pass tags in the Fire Control Room.
Stairwell – Comp Officer will indicate if floors are clear as they proceed to reported fire floor
Staging – Comp Officer will advise/label that the second floor is suitable for staging.
Fire Floor - Company Officer becomes Div Group Sup designated by floor and initiates fire attack.
Update on Conditions – Comp Officer gives a LCAN as needed. Location, Conditions, Actions, Needs.

Wildland Video

Cut & Paste the following link <https://vimeo.com/126574817>



This video provided by LA County Fire is great for first-on scene decision making for Company Officers. Thanks to Firefighter Austin for providing this information.

Positive Pressure Ventilation

Working on the Truck

Implementing PPV or Negative Pressure Ventilation effectively depends on controlling the flow of pressurized air between the entrance and exhaust openings. Proper training, PPE's (including SCBA's) and communication between fire ground personnel are crucial.



PPV has been added to the 12 month practical. Train each firefighter to be able to complete the following:

Complete a size up of the incident, and be able to determine if PPV can be effective

Describe advantages and disadvantages of PPV and Negative Pressure Ventilation

Control entries and exits (exhaust opening)

Understand how to systematically remove smoke from a structure

Evaluate the effectiveness of PPV, and how effectiveness is measured

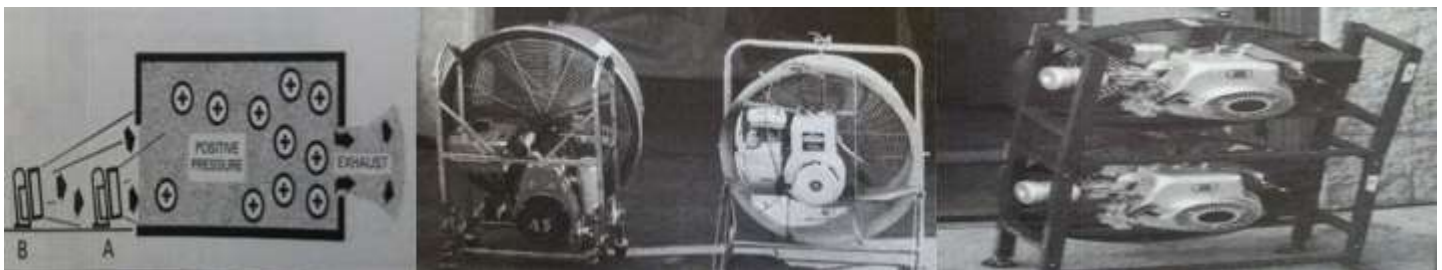
Be familiar with all fans carried by Trucks 1, 2, and 3.

Safety is always the number 1 priority. Proper PPE's and SCBA per Department SOP's are mandatory.

Series

Parallel

Stacked



FENDER PINCH

The fender pinch is used most often to expose the hinges on the "A" post for door removal. The fender pinch also assist in exposing the inter fender for cutting in preparation of a dash push.

Photo #1

In this photo, when you pinch the fender the tip on the top of the fender will slide off and you may have a difficult time getting grip to pinch the fender.

Photo #2

If you change the angle of the tool both tip's grip the fender evenly and you get a more successful fender pinch.

Photo #3

The fender pinch should open a gap between the fender and door. Place the spreader in that gap and spread, be sure the tool is spreading the fender away from the inner fender.



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



Mentoring & Promotional Section



Key Points to A Successful Career

Advice from the Past & Present

The following is a good work ethic for the fire service. It was given to me years ago. "If a probationary firefighter is going to pass probation, (3) qualities are essential.

The (3) D's:

Discipline – Work hard every day. Your peers and your supervisor are constantly evaluating you. Keep your ears open, and your opinions to yourself. Show respect to all ranks.

Dedication – Commit yourself completely to the job. Come in early, volunteer for all assignments, be the first up in the morning, and be the last to leave in the morning. Study on your days off.

Desire – Keep a positive attitude. Show that you appreciate and want the position of a firefighter more than anything else. Work harder than anyone on your crew.

The (3) D's will help keep you focused throughout your career, and should not be ended with probation. **Oran Pentz – 2003. Retired Deputy Chief**

Mentoring & Promotional Section

After completing your engine certification, understand that it is a privilege to drive a fire engine. Never take this for granted. You have worked very hard to accomplish this goal, and remember that you have been granted the permission to operate the apparatus as a certified driver for the department. Never complain when the department calls on you to drive the apparatus in a time of need. Your daily schedule may be interrupted, and the time of day may sometimes not be very convenient. Appreciate this opportunity, and remember it's a privilege to drive a fire engine.

Johnny Martinez – 2003. Retired Division Chief

Any hint that I could pass on is really not a hint, but an attitude that is hard to come by or find. This attitude involves a sense of place (probation status, no matter how long or where -you're from), a sense of teamwork and most importantly the ability to recognize the smallest details of everyday station duty, and work assignments. An individual can make an outstanding impression by being assertive both at the station and drill ground. Respect is too often abused or misunderstood. Everyone at the City of Riverside Fire Department has been through the same rigors to complete probation. Show your respect for the members and that will be returned two-fold as a probationary firefighter.

Sean Smith – 2003. Active Fire Captain / Fire Investigator

Congratulations to RFD's future:

Firefighter Lookerse

Firefighter Pinedo

Firefighter Roseli

Firefighter Hnatiw

Firefighter/Paramedic Llamas

Firefighter/Paramedic Anderson

Firefighter LeBlanc

Firefighter Hunt

Firefighter Collins

EMS



What is the Company Officers role on a Medical Aid?

Confirm you are on scene of the correct address

Follow forcible entry SOP if needed

The captain should insure the scene is safe before the crew enters the residence

The captain is responsible for scene control, customer service, and providing the proper amount of resources.

The captain shall assist with patient treatment as needed, and be current on EMS Protocols.

The captain is responsible for providing a safe work environment for EMS Personnel, and one that is free of interference or distractions from family or bystanders. The captain is also responsible for ensuring his/her crew is wearing the proper PPE's for the incident.

The captain is the official safety officer, with the engineer being the second set of eyes along with monitoring the radio for additional radio traffic or incidents.

The captain shall provide the highest level of customer service outside of patient care including:

Securing the residence, giving family members the hospital address & directions as needed, calming & comforting the family during critical incidents, and allowing family members to accompany the patient to the hospital as needed.

Customer service Items provided by the department:

Provide Hospital Non-Emergency Line for Emergency Room (Located on PCR)

File of Life, Senior Resource Guide (Located at Riversideca.gov),

YANA Program – YouAreNotAlone provided by RPD (Located at Riverisdeca.gov).

Get Home Safe Program -Emergency I.D Bracelet (Provided by RPD)

Forcible Entry – Leave an Incident Request Card

Specialty Stations



The Riverside Fire Department is now trained and equipped to respond to large animal rescues. The Technical Rescue Team has added the Horse & Animal Rescue Team (HART) that will perform technical rescues involving horses or any large animal. This includes over-turned horse trailers, horses trapped in areas such as quicksand, swimming pools, trenches, wells, septic tanks, hillsides, or steep terrain in which the animal is unable to free itself. The HART trailer will be located at Fire Station 3, and available at all times.



All 911 calls received by the City of Riverside dispatch center involving a large animal rescue will be entered as HART. The CAD code will create a fire and police incident, with the response including the following:

- First-In Engine
- HART 3 (Rescue 3 & HART Trailer pulled by a utility vehicle)
- RPD (Mounted Patrol Unit)
- Battalion Chief



Academy Coordinator



The Mini-Academy took place from June 29 –July10, 2015. The Training Division assigned Firefighter Josh Lavin as the Academy Coordinator. The new position of Academy Coordinator was very beneficial and will be used again in the future.

Academy Coordinator Role and Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Training Division, the Academy Coordinator's responsibilities are to run the daily operations of the Academy. This includes instruction and demonstration of skills and related subject matter. The coordinator maintains Recruit Firefighter evaluation documentation and organizes an academy training schedule. He or she provides academic instruction and develops daily quizzes based upon previous instruction.

The coordinator gives direction to crews and instructors about daily academy operations and time frames. This roll requires direct communication between the Academy Coordinator and the Training Department about each individual Recruit. He or she must maintain immediate communication with Training Captains regarding the Academy's logistical needs. The coordinator also facilitates any needs that may come from the Training Department as well. The Recruit Academy Coordinator will deliver consistent competency-based training on job-related practices, policies and procedures.